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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON - SIILASVUO ON UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS

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1. EXCEPT FOR ONE MATER (SEPTTEL), SIILASVUO WAS IN EQUABLE  
FRAME OF MIND WHEN I SAW HIM MAY 17. IN COURSE OF TOUR  
D'HORIZON, HE COMMENTED ON FOLLOWING:

2. WITHDRAWAL. SIILASVUO CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO SEE  
WIZEMAN MAY 22 AT WHICH TIME HE HOPES TO GET A FIRM DATE FOR  
IDFF WITHDRAWAL. IN CONFIDENCE, HE THOUGHT EARLIEST DATE HE  
COULD HOPE FOR WOULD BE JUNE 15. HE ALSO ASSUMES CABINET  
WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE WHATEVER DATE IS GIVEN HIM. I INDICATED  
WE TOO WOULD BE URGING GOI TO SET A CONCRETE DATE AND HE

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WAS PLEASED THAT WE WOULD BE WORKING IN TANDEM.

3. LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. BOTH SIILASVUO AND PRIETO (WHO  
JOINED MEETING) SAID GOL COULD NOT BE COUNTED UPON TO HELP  
UNIFIL. EVERYTHING WAS LOOKED AT IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE  
NEGATIVE EFFECT IN BEIRUT WITH RESULT NO DECISIONS AT ALL  
WERE TAKEN. SIILASVUO SAID UNIFIL NOW HAD ABOUT 50 VILLAGE

GENDARMES PROVIDING A PRESENCE AT CHECKPOINTS. HE STILL HOPED GOL WOULD AGREE TO SEND SOUS-PREFETS HE HAD DISCUSSED EARLIER, BUT HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC.

4. INFILTRAION. UNIFIL WAS DOING ITS BEST (SEPTTEL) AND HAD ENJOYED CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUCCESS. SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE ARE PREPARED TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE VIS-A-VIS PALESTINIANS THAN IS UNNY.

5. HADDAD AND CO. UNIFIL WILL MEET WITH HADDAD MAY 18. UNIFIL REP HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SAY ISRAELIS WILL DEFINITELY WITHDRAW AND HADDAD SHOULD THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE. IN EVENT HADDAD EXPRESSES FEAR OF ATTACKS, UN REP WILL REPLY IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY PALESTINIANS WILL ATTACK WHEN UN HAS REPLACED IDF IN THE CHRISTIAN AREAS. SIILASVUO SAID UN WOULD TAKE OVER FROM IDF IN BORDER AREA WHEN TIME COMES. HE BELIEVES UN HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO TREAT HADDAD AS THE DE FACTO LEBANESE ARMED FORCE IN THE BORDER AREA AND CONSIDERS THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO DISARM THE CHRISTIANS WOULD BE AS FUTILE AS IT WOULD BE TO TRY TO DISARM PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS IN TYRE.

6. ILMAC MEETIN. ISRAELIS HAVE STILL NOT RESPONDED TO GOL REQUEST FOR ILMAC MEETING. SIILASVUO BELIEVES DECISION WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL DAYAN'S RETURN. HE HIMSELF DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO BEIRUT UNTIL ISRAELI RESPONSE IN  
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HAND.

7. COMMENT: ALL TALK OF LAF AND GENDARME UNITS BEING SENT SOUTH HAS COME TO NAUGHT. LEBANESE GENDARMES HAVE BEEN SCROUNGED BY UN FROM PERSONNEL ALREADY IN THE AREA. IS THERE ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO ASSIST IN GETTING GOL TO TAKE DECISION TO DISPATCH SOU-PREFETS TO SOUTH LEBANON AS REQUESTED BY SIILASVUO? THIS WOULD BE FURTHER SYMBOL OF LEBANESE AUTHORITY BUT WOULD AVOID RISK OF ARMED CLASHES WHICH WORRIES AUTHORITIES IN BEIRUT.  
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